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## The dimension of a toric variety obtained from a numerical semigroup<sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

For a numerical semigroup  $H$  we define the toric dimension of  $H$ , which is denoted by  $\text{Tdim } H$ . In the case where  $H$  is generated by three elements or  $H$  is a symmetric semigroup generated by four elements we calculate the range of  $\text{Tdim } H$ . Moreover, we determine the range of  $\text{Tdim } H$  when  $H$  is a non-symmetric  $n$ -semigroup with  $n = 4$  or  $5$  generated by four elements.

## 1 The toric dimension of a numerical semigroup

Let  $\mathbb{N}_0$  be the additive semigroup of non-negative integers. A *numerical semigroup*  $H$  means a subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  whose complement  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is a finite set. We call the cardinality  $\#(\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H)$  the *genus* of  $H$ , which we denote by  $g(H)$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The semigroup generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  is denoted by  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ . We denote by  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  the minimum set of generators for  $H$ . We set  $c(H) = \min\{c \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid c + \mathbb{N}_0 \subseteq H\}$ , which is called the *conductor* of  $H$ . We know that  $c(H) \leq 2g(H)$ . A numerical semigroup  $H$  is said to be *symmetric* if  $c(H) = 2g(H)$ .

**Example 1.1** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then

$$g(H) = \frac{(a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1)}{2} \text{ and } c(H) = (a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1) = 2g(H).$$

Hence, every numerical semigroup generated by two elements is symmetric.

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<sup>1</sup>This paper is an extended abstract and the details will appear elsewhere.

**Example 1.2** Let  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle = \{0, 3 \rightarrow\}$  where " $\rightarrow$ " denotes the consecutive integers. Then we have  $g(H) = 2$  and  $c(H) = 3$ . Hence  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  is non-symmetric.

In this paper  $k$  denotes an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Let  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ . We define a  $k$ -algebra homomorphism

$$\varphi_H : k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \longrightarrow k[H] = k[t^h]_{h \in H}$$

sending  $X_i$  to  $t^{a_i}$ . It is important to study about the ideal  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H$  for investigating a relation between  $H$  and an affine toric variety.

**Example 1.3** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H = (X_1^{a_2} - X_2^{a_1})$ .

**Example 1.4** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1 = 3, a_2 = 4, a_3 = 5\}$ . Then  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H = (X_1^3 - X_2X_3, X_2^2 - X_1X_3, X_3^2 - X_1^2X_2)$ .

**Example 1.5** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1 = 4, a_2 = 5, a_3 = 6\}$ . Then  $H = \{0, 4, 5, 6, 8 \rightarrow\}$ . Hence,  $g(H) = 4$  and  $c(H) = 8$ , which implies that  $H$  is symmetric. Then  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H = (X_1^3 - X_2^2, X_2^2 - X_1X_3)$ .

Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $\#M(H) = n$ . It is said to be *l-dimensionally toric* if there exists an affine toric variety  $X$  of dimension  $l$  such that we have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^n = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \eta \\ X & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathbb{A}^{n+l-1} = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_{n+l-1}] \end{array}$$

where  $\iota$  is a closed immersion and  $g_j = \eta(Y_j)$ 's are non-constant monomials.

Here, we review the notion of an affine toric variety. Let  $\mathbb{G}_m = k^\times$  be the multiplicative group. We set  $T = \mathbb{G}_m^l$ . An affine variety  $X$  is called an *l-dimensionally affine toric variety* if it contains  $T$  as a dense open subset and the multiplication map on  $T$  extends to  $T \times X$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T \times T & \hookrightarrow & T \times X \\ \downarrow \text{multip} & & \downarrow \exists \\ T & \hookrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

**Example 1.6** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then  $H$  is 1-dimensionally toric. In fact, we have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, X_2] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow a\eta \\ \mathbb{A}^1 = \text{Spec } k[T] & \xrightarrow{a\psi} & \mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, Y_2] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta(Y_1) = X_1^{a_2}$ ,  $\eta(Y_2) = X_2^{a_1}$  and  $\psi(Y_i) = T$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Example 1.7** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{3, 4, 5\}$ . Then  $H$  is 4-dimensionally toric. In fact, we have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^3 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, X_2, X_3] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow a\eta \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{a\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^6 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_6] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_6$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_3$  respectively and  $S$  is the *saturated* subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  (i.e.,  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^4$  with  $nr \in S$  for some non-zero  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  implies that  $r \in S$ ) generated by  $e_i$ 's,  $(1, 1, -1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, 1, 1)$  where  $e_i$  is the vector whose  $i$ -th component is 1 and all the other components are 0 for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

For a numerical semigroup  $H$  we want to know the minimum  $l$  where  $H$  is  $l$ -dimensionally toric. For this reason we introduce the notion of the toric dimension of a numerical semigroup as follows: We set

$$\text{Tdim } H = \min\{l \mid H \text{ is } l\text{-dimensionally toric}\},$$

which is called the *toric dimension* of  $H$ . If  $H$  is not  $l$ -dimensionally toric for any  $l$ , then we set  $\text{Tdim } H = \infty$ .

**Example 1.8** Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ .

**Example 1.9**  $\text{Tdim } \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle \leq 4$ .

**Remark 1.1** If  $\text{Tdim } H < \infty$ , then  $H$  is *Weierstrass*, i.e., there exists a pointed non-singular curve  $(C, P)$  such that

$$H = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \exists f \in k(C) \text{ s.t. } (f)_\infty = nP\}$$

where  $k(C)$  is the field of rational functions on  $C$ . (See [4])

**Example 1.10** We have  $\text{Tdim} \langle 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle = \infty$ .

*Proof.* Buchweitz [2] showed that the above semigroup is not Weierstrass.  $\square$

For any  $n \geq 2$  we give numerical semigroups  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = n$  and  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ .

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $2 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} < \dots < r_2 < r_1$  with  $(r_i, r_j) = 1$  if  $i \neq j$ . We set  $a_i = r_1 \cdots r_{i-1} r_{i+1} \cdots r_n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $H = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$ . Then we have the following:

- i)  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$ , hence  $H$  is a numerical semigroup.
- ii)  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .
- iii)  $H$  is symmetric.
- iv)  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H$  is generated by  $X_i^{r_i} - X_{i+1}^{r_{i+1}}$ 's,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .
- v)  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ .

*Proof.* It is not difficult to prove i)  $\sim$  iv) .

v) We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{\quad {}^a\varphi_H \quad} & \mathbb{A}^n = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow {}^a\eta \\ \mathbb{A}^1 = \text{Spec } k[T] & \xrightarrow{\quad {}^a\psi \quad} & \mathbb{A}^n = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_n] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta(Y_i) = X_i^{r_i}$  and  $\psi(Y_i) = T$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence we get  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ .

$\square$

## 2 The toric dimension of a numerical semigroup generated by three elements

**Example 2.1** Let  $H = \langle 4, 6, 5 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 6, a_3 = 5$ . This semigroup is symmetric, but not the type as in Theorem 1.2. We have  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 2$ .

*Proof.* We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{\quad {}^a\varphi_H \quad} & \mathbb{A}^3 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, X_2, X_3] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow {}^a\eta \\ \mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[T_1, T_2] & \xrightarrow{\quad {}^a\psi \quad} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_4] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta(Y_1) = X_1$ ,  $\eta(Y_2) = X_2^2$ ,  $\eta(Y_3) = X_2$ ,  $\eta(Y_4) = X_3^2$  and  $\psi(Y_1) = T_1$ ,  $\psi(Y_2) = T_1^3$ ,  $\psi(Y_3) = T_2$ ,  $\psi(Y_4) = T_1 T_2$ . Hence, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 2$ .

For a numerical semigroup  $H$  with  $M(H) = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  we set

$$\alpha_i = \min\{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0 > 0 \mid \beta a_i \in \langle a_1, \dots, \check{a}_i, \dots, a_n \rangle\}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ . If  $H$  is symmetric, then  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* By the result of Herzog [3] if we renumber  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , we may assume

$$\alpha_1 a_1 = \alpha_2 a_2, \alpha_3 a_3 = \beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2.$$

If  $(\beta_1, \beta_2) = (\alpha_1, 0)$  or  $(0, \alpha_2)$ , the same way as the proof in Theorem 1.2 works well. Hence,  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ . Otherwise, the similar way to that of  $H = \langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$  works well. So, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2** *Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ . If  $H$  is non-symmetric, then  $2 \leq \text{Tdim } H \leq 4$ .*

*Proof.* Using the result of Herzog [3] the similar way to that of  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  works well. So, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 4$ . If  $\text{Tdim } H = 1$ , then the ideal  $\text{Ker } \varphi_H$  is a complete intersection. Hence, we get  $2 \leq \text{Tdim } H$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.3**  *$H$  with  $M(H) = \{3, 4, 5\}$ . We can get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 2$ , hence  $\text{Tdim } H = 2$ .*

*Proof.* We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{\alpha \varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^3 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, X_2, X_3] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \alpha \eta \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{\alpha \psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_4] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_4$  to  $X_2, X_1, X_1^2, X_3$  respectively and  $S = \check{\sigma} \cap M$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  generated by  $e_i$ 's,  $3e_1 - 2e_2$  and  $2e_1 - e_2$ . Here,  $\sigma = \sigma_{2,3} = \mathbb{R}_0(1, 0) + \mathbb{R}_0(2, 3)$  where  $\mathbb{R}_0$  denotes the set of non-negative real numbers.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** We give the toric dimension of  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 3$  in the following table:

Tdim $\tilde{H}$	Symmetric	Non-symmetric
1	$\exists$	$\times$
2	$\bigcirc$	$\exists$
3	$\times$	$\bigcirc$
4	$\times$	$\bigcirc$
$\geq 5$	$\times$	$\times$

" $\bigcirc$ " means that such a semigroup probably exists.

### 3 On the toric dimension of a numerical semigroup generated by four elements

In this section we will consider the toric dimension of  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$ . First we study about the symmetric case. By the result of Bresinsky [1] the symmetric semigroups are divided into three types. We explain these three kinds of symmetric semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.1** Let  $H = \langle 10, 25, 14, 21 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 10, a_2 = 25, a_3 = 14, a_4 = 21$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = 2a_2, 3a_3 = 2a_4, a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4.$$

In this case,  $g(H) = 29$  and  $c(H) = 58$ .

**Example 3.2** The semigroup  $\langle 30, 42, 70, 105 \rangle$  as in Theorem 1.2 is a special case of the above type. In this case, let  $r_1 = 2, r_2 = 3, r_3 = 5$  and  $r_4 = 7$  in Theorem 1.2.

**Example 3.3** Let  $H = \langle 8, 12, 10, 19 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 8, a_2 = 12, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 19$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$3a_1 = 2a_2, 2a_3 = a_1 + a_2, 2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3,$$

which are similar to  $H = \langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$  in Example 1.5. In this case,  $g(H) = 17$  and  $c(H) = 34$ .

**Example 3.4** Let  $H = \langle 5, 7, 8, 9 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 7, a_3 = 8, a_4 = 9$ . We have (minimal) relations

$3a_1 = a_2 + a_3, 2a_2 = a_1 + a_4, 2a_3 = a_2 + a_4, 2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_3, 2a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ , which are similar to  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  in Example 1.4. In this case,  $g(H) = 6$  and  $c(H) = 12$ .

For the above three types of symmetric numerical semigroup  $H$  generated by four elements we will construct an affine toric variety of which fiber product is  $\text{Spec } k[H]$ .

**Example 3.5** Let  $H = \langle 8, 12, 10, 19 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow a\eta \\ \mathbb{A}^3 = \text{Spec } k[T_1, T_2, T_3] & \xrightarrow{a\psi} & \mathbb{A}^6 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_6] \end{array}$$

where

$$\eta(Y_1) = X_1, \eta(Y_2) = X_2, \eta(Y_3) = X_3, \eta(Y_4) = X_2^2, \eta(Y_5) = X_3^2, \eta(Y_6) = X_4^2, \\ \psi(Y_i) = T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \psi(Y_4) = T_1^3, \psi(Y_5) = T_1 T_2, \psi(Y_6) = T_1^2 T_2 T_3.$$

Hence, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 3$ .

**Example 3.6** Let  $H = \langle 5, 7, 8, 9 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow a\eta \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{a\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^8 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_8] \end{array}$$

Let  $S$  be the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^5$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_5, e_1 + e_2 - e_3, e_3 + e_4 - e_1, e_1 + e_2 - e_3 - e_4 + e_5$ . The ring homomorphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_8$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_4$  respectively.  $\psi_S$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_8$  to  $T_1, \dots, T_5, T_1 T_2 T_3^{-1}, T_1^{-1} T_3 T_4, T_1 T_2 T_3^{-1} T_4^{-1} T_5$  respectively. Hence we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 5$ .

**Example 3.7** Let  $H = \langle 10, 25, 14, 21 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow a\eta \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{a\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^7 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_7] \end{array}$$



where  $S$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_4, e_1 + e_3 - e_4$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_7$  to  $X_1, X_3^3, X_2, X_3, X_2^2, X_4^2, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_7$  to  $T_1, \dots, T_4, T_1^5, T_2, T_1 T_3 T_4^{-1}$  respectively. Hence, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 4$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *We give the toric dimension of a symmetric numerical semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  in the following table:*

Tdim $H$	Symmetric
1	$\exists$
2	$\bigcirc$
3	$\bigcirc$ Ex.3.3(3.5)
4	$\bigcirc$ Ex.3.1(3.7)
5	$\bigcirc$ Ex.3.4(3.6)
$\geq 6$	$\times$

A numerical semigroup  $H$  is called an  $n$ -semigroup if  $n$  is the minimum positive integer in  $H$ . In the case of a non-symmetric numerical semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  we will investigate the toric dimensions of 4-semigroups and 5-semigroups. By the result of [4] the 4-semigroups are divided into two types. We explain these two kinds of 4-semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.8** Let  $H = \langle 4, 9, 10, 15 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 9, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 15$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = 2a_3^{(iv)}, 2a_2 = 2a_1 + a_3^{(v)}, 2a_4 = 5a_1 + a_3^{(vi)},$$

$$a_1 + a_4 = a_2 + a_3^{(i)}, a_1 + 2a_3 = a_2 + a_4^{(iii)}, 4a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4^{(ii)}.$$

In this case,  $g(H) = 7$  and  $c(H) = 12$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\varphi_H}} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \alpha_{\eta} \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\psi_S}} & \mathbb{A}^7 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_7] \end{array}$$

where  $S$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_4, e_1 + e_2 - e_3, e_2 - e_3 + e_4, 2e_1 - e_3 - e_4$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_7$  to  $X_2, X_3, X_1, X_3, X_4, X_1^4, X_1$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of  $S$ . Hence, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 4$ .

**Example 3.9** Let  $H = \langle 4, 9, 11, 14 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 9, a_3 = 11, a_4 = 14$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = a_2 + a_3, 2a_2 = a_1 + a_4, 2a_3 = 2a_1 + a_4,$$

$$2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3, 4a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4, 3a_1 + a_3 = a_2 + a_4.$$

In this case,  $g(H) = 7$  and  $c(H) = 11$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k[H] & \xrightarrow{a\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \text{Spec } k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow a\eta \\ \text{Spec } k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{a\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^9 = \text{Spec } k[Y_1, \dots, Y_9] \end{array}$$

where  $S$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, -e_1 + e_4 + e_5, e_1 + e_3 - e_4 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of  $S$ . Hence, we get  $\text{Tdim } H \leq 6$ .

**Theorem 3.2** We give the toric dimension of a non-symmetric 4-semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  in the following table:

Tdim $H$	Non-symmetric 4-semigroup
1	$\times$
2	$\bigcirc$
3	$\bigcirc$
4	$\bigcirc_{\text{Ex. 3.8}}$
5	$\bigcirc$
6	$\bigcirc_{\text{Ex. 3.9}}$
$\geq 7$	$\times$

By the result of [5] the 5-semigroups are divided into two types. We explain these two kinds of 5-semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.10** Let  $H = \langle 5, 7, 13, 16 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 7, a_3 = 13, a_4 = 16$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$4a_1 = a_2 + a_3, 3a_2 = a_1 + a_4, 2a_3 = 2a_1 + a_4,$$

$$2a_4 = a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3, 3a_1 + 2a_2 = a_3 + a_4, 2a_1 + a_3 = a_2 + a_4.$$

In this case,  $g(H) = 8$  and  $c(H) = 12$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Spec} k[H] & \xrightarrow{\alpha\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \alpha\eta \\ \operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{\alpha\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^9 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_9] \end{array}$$

where  $S$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, e_2 + e_3 - e_4 + e_5, -e_2 + e_4 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_1, X_3, X_2^2, X_3, X_2, X_4, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of  $S$ . Hence, we get  $\operatorname{Tdim} H \leq 6$ .

**Example 3.11** Let  $H = \langle 5, 13, 21, 22 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 13, a_3 = 21, a_4 = 22$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$\begin{aligned} 7a_1 &= a_2 + a_4, \quad 2a_2 = a_1 + a_3, \quad 2a_3 = 4a_1 + a_4, \\ 2a_4 &= 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3, \quad 6a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4. \end{aligned}$$

In this case,  $g(H) = 16$  and  $c(H) = 30$ . We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Spec} k[H] & \xrightarrow{\alpha\varphi_H} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \alpha\eta \\ \operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \xrightarrow{\alpha\psi_S} & \mathbb{A}^9 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_9] \end{array}$$

where  $S$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, -e_1 + e_4 + e_5, -e_1 - e_2 + e_4 + e_5 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \dots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^4, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_3, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of  $S$ . Hence, we get  $\operatorname{Tdim} H \leq 6$ .

**Theorem 3.3** We give the toric dimension of a non-symmetric 5-semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  in the following table:

Tdim $H$	Non-symmetric 5-semigroup
1	$\times$
2	$\bigcirc$
3	$\bigcirc$
4	$\bigcirc$
5	$\bigcirc$
6	$\bigcirc_{\text{Ex.3.10,3.11}}$
$\geq 7$	$\times$

**Problem 1** What is the minimum number  $n$  such that  $\text{Tdim } H \leq n$  for any non-symmetric 6-semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  ?

**Problem 2** Have we  $\text{Tdim } H < \infty$  for any non-symmetric numerical semigroup  $H$  with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$  ?

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